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# STATE OF DELAWARE BOARD OF ACCOUNTANCY

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PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES: BOARD OF ACCOUNTANCY

DATA AND TIME: Wednesday, May 17, 2017 at 9:00 a.m.

PLACE: 861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Dover, Delaware

Conference Room B, second floor of the Cannon Building

MINUTES APPROVED: June 21, 2017

# **MEMBERS PRESENT**

Kathryn Schultz, Professional Member, President Alison Houck, Professional Member, Secretary John McManus, Professional Member Sarah Patterson, Professional Member Araya Debessay, Educational Member Prameela Kaza, Public Member Susan Benson, Professional Member Karen Smith, Professional Member

#### **ABSENT**

Richard Snyder, Public Member

## **DIVISION STAFF/DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL**

Kevin Maloney, Deputy Attorney General LaTonya Brown, Administrative Specialist II Susan Miccio, Systems Project Leader Jocelyn Villanueva, Operational Staff

#### ALSO PRESENT

Dana Rubenstein, DSCPA R.E. Williams Sr., Accounting Student

## CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Schultz called the meeting to order at 9:19 a.m.

#### **REVIEW OF MINUTES**

A motion was made by Mr. McManus, seconded by Mr. Debessay, to approve the minutes dated April 19, 2017. The motion carried unanimously.

# **Unfinished Business**

**Draft Review- FAQ's** 

The board will update the FAQ's as needed.

# Re-Review of Applications

## D'Amato & LaSpada, LLC.

A motion was made by Ms. Houck, seconded by Mr. McManus, to approve the CPA Firm Permit to Practice application of D'Amato & LaSpada. The motion carried unanimously.

#### Jeter & Johnson

A motion was made by Mr. McManus, seconded by Ms. Smith, to approve the CPA Firm Permit to Practice application of Jeter & Johnson. The motion carried unanimously.

## Review and Signing of Exempt Final Regulation

The board reviewed and signed the exempt final regulation order.

## Re-Review of Delaware Specific Ethics Course

## Beacon Hill Financial Educators, Inc.

A motion was made by Mr. McManus, seconded by Mr. Debessay, to approve the ethics course contingent upon a few amendments. The motion carried unanimously.

## American CPE

A motion was made by Mr. McManus, seconded by Mr. Debessay, to table the review of the ethics course until the next scheduled meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

#### Master CPE LLC.

A motion was made by Mr. McManus, seconded by Mr. Debessay, to table the ethics course. The motion carried unanimously.

#### CPASelfstudy.com

A motion was made by Mr. McManus, seconded by Mr. Debessay, to approve the ethics course contingent upon a few amendments. The motion carried unanimously.

## Accountants Education Group

A motion was made by Mr. McManus, seconded by Mr. Debessay, to approve the ethics course. The motion carried unanimously.

#### Continuing Academics CPE Tutor

A motion was made by Mr. McManus, seconded by Mr. Debessay, to approve the ethics course. The motion carried unanimously.

#### FurtherEd, Inc.

A motion was made by Mr. McManus, seconded by Mr. Debessay, to approve the ethics course contingent upon a few amendments. The motion carried unanimously.

#### **Checkpoint Learning**

A motion was made by Mr. McManus, seconded by Mr. Debessay, to table the review of the ethics course until the next scheduled meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

#### **New Business**

#### Review of CPA Permit to Practice – Reinstatement

A motion was made by Ms. Houck, seconded by Ms. Schultz, to table the application of Xia Cao pending proof of DE Ethic's course. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Ms. Houck, seconded by Ms. Schultz, to approve the application of Scott Slacum. The motion carried unanimously.

## Review of CPA Permit to Practice Applications

A motion was made by Ms. Houck, seconded by Mr. McManus to approve the application of Yu Zeng. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Ms. Houck, seconded by Mr. McManus to approve the application of Kofi Adjekum. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Ms. Houck, seconded by Mr. McManus to approve the application of Darius Browne contingent upon AICPA Ethics Exam scores. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Ms. Houck, seconded by Mr. McManus to approve the application of Qing Zhang. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Ms. Houck, seconded by Mr. McManus to approve the application of Meghna Patel contingent upon the AICPA Ethics Exam score. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Ms. Houck, seconded by Mr. McManus to approve the application of Matthew Schron contingent upon AICPA Ethics Exam score. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Ms. Houck, seconded by Mr. McManus to approve the application of Xin Zheng. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Ms. Houck, seconded by Mr. McManus to approve the application of Zhiyang Li. The motion carried unanimously

A motion was made by Ms. Houck, seconded by Mr. McManus to table the application of Brian Nelson. The motion carried unanimously.

# Review of Delaware Specific Ethic Course Smart Pros Ltd.

A motion was made by Mr. McManus, seconded by Ms. Patterson, to table the review of the ethics course until the next scheduled meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

## Professional Education Services, LP

A motion was made by Mr. McManus, seconded by Ms. Patterson, to table the review of the ethics course until the next scheduled meeting. The motion carried unanimously. CPEthink.com, Ltd.

A motion was made by Mr. McManus, seconded by Ms. Patterson, to table the review of the ethics course until the next scheduled meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

#### Becker Professional Education

A motion was made by Mr. McManus, seconded by Ms. Patterson, to table the review of the ethics course until the next scheduled meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

#### Sequoia CPE

A motion was made by Mr. McManus, seconded by Ms. Patterson, to table the review of the ethics course until the next scheduled meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

#### CPE Depot

A motion was made by Mr. McManus, seconded by Ms. Patterson, to approve the ethics course. The motion carried unanimously.

## Ratification of Application

A motion was made by Ms. Houck, seconded by Mr. McManus, to approve the ratification of applications for Jieying Lin, John Koach, and Zelenkofske Axelrod, LLC. The motion carried unanimously.

#### Request For Extensiion

#### Meghan Gagliardi

A motion was made by Mr. McManus, seconded by Ms. Houck, to deny the request for an extension of the 2015-2017 CPE requirements. The motion carried unanimously.

#### Review of Firm Name Change

#### Progar & Company, P.A.

A motion was made by Ms. Houck, seconded by Mr. McManus, to approve the name change from Gary Alan Progar, P.A. to Progar & Company, P.A. The motion carried unanimously.

## **Correspondence**

#### Delayed Score Releases for CPA Exam

### Amanda Basciano

Ms. Basciano inquired if the Delaware Board of Accountancy would be granting extensions for CPA exam candidates who have scores expiring in Q3 and will not get to re-test due to the scores not being released for 4 months.

A motion was made by Ms. Schultz, seconded by Mr. McManus to approve any person who falls into this category, an extension until December 31, 2017. The motion carried unanimously.

# OTHER BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD (For Discussion Only)

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Ron Williams expressed to the board that he absorbed a lot of information about the new law and the new regulations from the meeting. Mr. Williams also stated that he would be attending future meetings.

# **NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING**

The next meeting will be held June 21, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. in Conference Room B, second floor of the Cannon Building, 861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Dover, Delaware.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Ms. Houck, seconded by Mr. McManus to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 10:19 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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LaTonya Brown

Administrative Specialist II